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**Re:** Patent Application for Dornelas  
**Serial No.:** 09/578,194  
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The documents identified on the attached for PTO-1449 have come to the attention of the undersigned in connection with the subject application. Copies of these documents are also attached, unless otherwise indicated below, and it is respectively requested that they be made of record in this proceeding. The identification of these documents is for the purpose of meeting Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and is not intended to be an admission that any of these documents constitute prior art as to the invention disclosed in the subject application.

REFERENCES

Author: Jonak C. et. al.

Plant Cell vol. 12, 1467-1475, 2000

REMARKS

Enclosed is a publication (Plant Cell vol. 12, 1467-1475, 2000) describing a possible function of *WIG*, a gene from Alfalfa homologous to the genes described in the patent. The gene *WIG* is involved in wound signaling in plants. The function of *WIG* is not related to that described in the patent.

It is believed that there has been no disclosure of the invention as claimed. Accordingly, examination of the claims on the merits and allowance of the application as filed are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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